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MEXICAN NATIONAL PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL ENTRY

Alien had twice re-entered the United States after being deported, a felony

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — David L. Huber, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that Eladio Pedroza-Diaz, 53, of Campbellsville, Ky., pleaded guilty yesterday to illegally re-entering the United States after having been twice deported, the first time in 2000, and again in 2003.

The maximum potential penalties are 20 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of three years. There is no parole in the federal system.

Pedroza-Diaz admitted that between Dec. 1, 2003 and Feb. 16, 2005, he was in the United States illegally after having been previously deported and that he had not reapplied to enter the United States after his deportations.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Madison T. Sewell, and was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The plea was entered before U.S. Magistrate Judge E. Robert Goebel, U.S. District Court, Bowling Green, Ky.

Pedroza-Diaz is scheduled to be sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Thomas B. Russell Jan. 5 in Bowling Green, Ky.

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